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WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE  
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA SANITORIUM  
BUILDING 3  
BLACK MOUNTAIN, N.C. 28711

July 27, 1979

Mr. John A. Avery  
Assistant Engineer  
Department of Community Development  
Burke County  
P. O. Box 219  
Morganton, N.C. 28655



Re: Rodent Control  
Burke County Landfills

*AWVC*

Dear John:

This letter is written regarding rodent control at the Morganton and East Burke Landfills in Burke County, North Carolina. As you know from our conversation of July 19, 1979, we recently received a complaint regarding the presence of a large rodent population at the East Burke Sanitary Landfill. On July 19, the confirmation of this rodent infestation was made by myself and Mr. Charles Buckner, Sanitarian Supervisor, Burke County, during a visit to the landfill. Approximately 200 burrow openings were noted in the bank of earth located at the "night dumping" area located immediately to the right of the entrance gate into the landfill. This excessive burrow complex represents the presence of a large colony of rodents which potentially could create a significant health problem in the vicinity of the landfill.

Additionally, the presence of this rodent population also represents a violation of acceptable operation practices for a sanitary landfill. It is important when operating a sanitary landfill to eliminate rodent breeding areas and food sources by properly confining, compacting and covering solid waste on a daily basis.



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I encourage you to take whatever steps are necessary to eliminate this problem. I will be more than willing to work with you in an effort to correct this situation and to ultimately eliminate the potential of such an infestation occurring again. I would also suggest that the Environmental Health Section of the Burke County Health Department can provide you with qualified assistance regarding this matter should you require additional expertise.

I sincerely appreciate your past interest and concern regarding the operation of the Burke County Sanitary Landfills and I am sure that with your assistance we can rapidly and effectively solve this problem.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Apple  
District Sanitarian  
Solid Waste & Vector Control

cc: Mr. Ken Thompson  
Mr. Charles Buckner  
Mr. O. W. Strickland



March 29, 1979

Mr. John C. Pons, Chairman  
Burke County Board of Commissioners  
Post Office Box 219  
Morganton, NC 28655

*JWC*  
Dear Mr. Pons;

I would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation for the effective leadership provided by the Burke County Board of Commissioners in improving your Solid Waste Management Program. These improvements include new operational design and procedures for the Morganton Sanitary Landfill, erosion control measures for the Morganton Landfill, continuing work to upgrade the operation and erosion controls on the East Burke Landfill, and improvements in container site and collection programs. Since each citizen in Burke County generates solid waste, each citizen will benefit from these improvements by greater protection of their public health and maintaining the inherent beauty of Burke County. I sincerely hope that each citizen is aware and appreciative of your leadership. I would like to encourage continued improvements in your solid waste program in order to increase the sense of community and county pride.

I would like to express appreciation for the very capable initiative and hardwork by Chester West and John Avery in supplying the necessary technical assistance to the solid waste program. Mr. Ralph Vess should be congratulated on his hard work and preseverance in implementing the day to day operation of a very difficult program. The team work exhibited by the entire Burke County Solid Waste staff to improve the solid waste program is a credit to all citizens in Burke County.

Sincerely,

O.W. Strickland, Asst. Head for Solid  
and Hazardous Waste Management  
Solid Waste & Vector Control Branch  
Sanitary Engineering Section

OWS:jk

cc: Ken Thompson  
Robert M. Apple





N. C. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES  
CHECK-OFF SHEET FOR PROPOSED SANITARY LANDFILL SITES



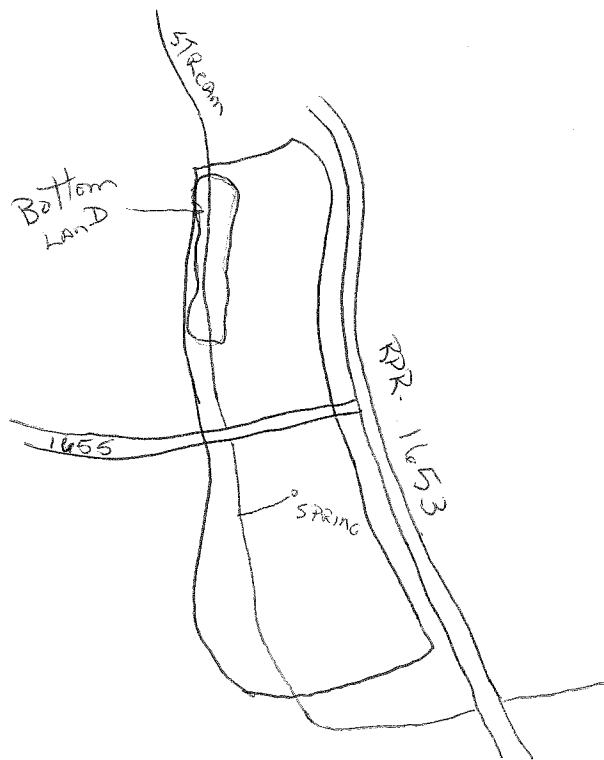
COUNTY Burke LOCATION RPR 1653, approx 2 miles W. airport Rhodhiss Rd. ACRES 70  
PROPERTY OWNER (Crescent Timber) Duke Power PROPOSED OPERATOR Catawba Co.

1. Is this site within the boundaries of a public water supply watershed? Watershed property approx 1/2 mile from Catawba River YES        NO
2. Does any portion of this site contain floodplain areas? YES        NO ✓
3. Are there public or private wells nearby that could be affected? YES ✓ NO         
Nearest well in feet 100 ft. (Elaborate in Comments Section)
4. Are there springs present on the site? Number 1 YES ✓ NO
5. Will this site require dyking? YES ✓ NO
6. Will this site require piping of surface drainage? YES        NO ✓
7. Not precluding required boring information, does this site have adequate cover material for the sanitary landfill development? YES ✓ NO
8. Will this site require diversion of surface water? YES ✓ NO         
Receiving stream for surface drainage from site Catawba River
9. Will this site require extensive preparation, such as clearing? YES ✓ NO         
(Elaborate in Comments Section)
10. Will this site require a new all-weather access road? YES        NO ✓  
(Elaborate in Comments Section)
11. Evaluate the following:
 

	<u>POOR</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>
A. Surface soil conditions as related to cover requirements	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
B. Location as related to population density	<u>      </u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>
C. Accessibility to users	<u>      </u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>
12. Based on the observations made above and otherwise, do you recommend that the requestor proceed with the requirements of .0111 and .0112 of the Division of Health Services "Solid Waste Management Rules"? YES        NO ✓
13. COMMENTS: (Include any requirements noted by you for the sanitary landfill development and operation) This site is almost within sight of Hickory water plant. The terrain of this site does not lend itself for use as a landfill; would require extensive site preparation, possible contamination of adjacent private wells + Catawba river.
14. Number of borings recommended for a representative sampling of the site
15. Percent of usable land 65-70%. Include sketch of site on back of this form.

1/30/79  
(DATE)

Robert H. Spivey  
Division of Health Services  
District Sanitarian for Solid Waste  
or  
Environmental Engineer



Site covered in pulpwood and mixed hardwoods.  
Slopes steeply from 1653 to stream with bottomland  
adjacent to stream.  
Average and Percent of useable land discomage use as landfill.



May 13, 1975

Mr. D. E. Moyes, Manager  
Essex International, Inc.  
Metal & Plastics Division  
Asheville Road  
Morganton, North Carolina 28355

Re: Factory Waste Disposal

Dear Mr. Moyes:

After an investigation at the landfill and with county and health officials, I find that your factory waste is apparently going to the landfill.

The records show there was a lapse in receiving the waste at the landfill and probably this was when it was being taken to the Westview Presbyterian Church on Highway 64 approximately six miles South of Morganton.

Yours very truly,

J. N. Fulp, Sr., District Sanitarian  
Drawer 520, Wilkesboro, N. C. 28697

JNF:bm

cc: Mr. Elmo Pascal, R.S.  
Mr. O. W. Strickland  
Essex International, Inc., Metal & Products Div.,  
1601 Wall Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46804





DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES  
RALEIGH

*Burke*  
*J+K*

May 24, 1974

Mr. Jack Kennedy  
U. S. Forest Service  
Marion, North Carolina 28752

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

On May 23, 1974, Richard Tennant and I made an inspection of an open dump located on Forest Service land on N. C. Highway 183 at Linville Falls.

This site must be covered with two feet of compacted earth and access to the site must be prohibited in order to conform with Division of Health Services "Rules and Regulations providing Standards for Solid Waste Disposal."

Please reply as to when you expect to conform to this request.

Sincerely,

*J. W. Moore, Jr.*

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District Sanitarian

JWM:o

CC: ✓ Mr. O. W. Strickland  
Mr. J. N. Pulp, Sr.  
Mr. Richard Tennant

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Mr. J. N. Pulp, Sr.  
Mr. Richard Tennant



Burke  
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September 26, 1972

Mr. J. N. Fulp, Sr.  
District Sanitarian  
Drawer 520  
Wilkesboro, North Carolina 28697

Re: Pollution Help Line Report No. 727

Dear Mr. Fulp:

The above mentioned report was sent to this office for investigation but there was insufficient data to locate Wilson Creek. The original complaint was regarding dumping garbage along the creek that eventually flows into Lake James. I would appreciate your investigating and making recommendations to alleviate the conditions.

Very truly yours,

Sidney H. Usry, Chief  
Solid Waste & Vector Control Section  
Sanitary Engineering Division

SHU:bm

cc: Mr. C. H. Cunningham  
Mrs. Jackie Wall



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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Box 27687

Raleigh 27611



ROBERT W. SCOTT  
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SECRETARY

Office of Water and Air Resources

GEORGE E. PICKETT, DIRECTOR  
TELEPHONE 829-3003

September 8, 1972

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SANITARY ENGINEERING  
DIVISION

Mr. Sidney H. Usry, Chief  
Solid Waste & Vector Control Section  
Sanitary Engineering Division  
State Board of Health  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Usry:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Memorandum dated August 23, 1972, by which you advised that your representative was unable to locate Wilson Creek which was referred to in Pollution Help Line Call No. 727. Upon calling the Complainant, Mr. C. H. Cunningham, I learned that Wilson Creek could be located by the following directions:

Travel Interstate 40 to Morganton. Out of Morganton travel Highway 181 and go approximately 20 miles. Turn right on to Secondary Road No. 90 and travel approximately 5 or 6 miles, cross creek and turn left on to dirt road and continue approximately 2 miles to a Deer Lodge. Creek is located across from lodge and a large sliding board can be seen which goes from the road to the water.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, and if I may assist you further, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

*Jackie Wall*

Mrs. Jackie Wall  
Pollution Help Line